



FRUITS OF THE NARANJILLA.

(*Solanum quitoense* Lam., S. P. I. No. 51394.)

In general appearance this solanaceous fruit suggests an orange, whence the name "naranjilla" (little orange). When taken from the plant, its surface is covered with stiff, grayish bristles, but these are rubbed off before the fruit is carried to market. Within the thin, orange-colored skin is a mass of yellowish green translucent flesh containing numerous small seeds; the latter are strained out, and the juice and pulp are used to make refreshing drinks and ices, which have a flavor suggesting a combination of pineapple and lemon. In Colombia the native name of the fruit is "lulu"; the term "naranjilla" appears to be limited to Ecuador, where the plant is commercially cultivated in several regions. (Photographed, natural size, by Wilson Popenoe, Bogota, Colombia, September 20, 1920; P18089FS.)